(ख) क्योंकि नीतिगत रूप में सरकार की राजभाषा नीति का कार्यान्वयन प्रेरणा और प्रोत्साहन से किया जाता है, अतः इस विषय पर निर्देश इत्यादि जारी करना उपयुक्त नहीं होगा।

Child Prostitution in Andhra Pradesh

2392. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported in all leading dailies of country that child prostitution is rampant in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the facts of these reports;

(c) whether Government propose to take some strict measures to check this social evil damaging the name of country at International Scene; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Available information on crime against children relating to prostitution in Andhra Pradesh during the years 1994-96 is given here below:—

Year	Procuration of minor girls	Selling of girls for prostitution	Buying of girls fo prostitution
1994	2	8	0
1995	6	0	2
1996 (Prov.) . . .	3	0	0

(c) and (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, registration, investigation, detection as well as prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments. It is essentially for the respective State Governments to take such preventive and punitive steps as are necessary to check the crimes against children. However, the Central Government from time to time, sends advisories to State Governments, apart from providing financial assistance to them to strengthen their policing infrastructure.

Shortage of Manpower with Delhi Police

2393. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported in important dailies of city that Delhi Police is short of 7,000 policemen;

(b) if so, the facts of these reports;

(c) whether with provision of manpower as in (a) Delhi will be free of crimes in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons for additional policemen taxing the exchequer heavily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Police have reported that 1103 posts of Constables and 465 posts of Sub-Inspectors are lying vacant at present for which recruitment process is in the advanced stage of completion.

(c) and (d) The removal of the existing shortage of manpower is expected to help Delhi Police to handle law and order problems more effectively.